

# Whisky-drinking Libyan hijacks Lebanese plane to Lod in 'peace attempt'

**Dayan: 'Not every plane can land in Israel'**

**Held here, passengers sent on to Beirut**

By HIRSH GOODMAN, Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent  
Middle East Airlines flight 501, bound from Benghazi, Libya, to Beirut, left Lod Airport last night after a five-hour delay caused by a heavily-drinking Libyan passenger who hijacked the jet to Israel "to prove that not all Arabs and Jews are enemies." The Boeing 707, which had taken off from Benghazi at 2.30 Israel time, landed at Lod at 4.45, and by 9.30 was back on its way to Beirut with all 116 passengers plus crew — except the hijacker — safely aboard. It landed in Beirut about 10.

The Libyan, Mahmoud Mahmoud Atouni, a 37-year-old bachelor, allowed the passengers to disembark and surrendered with no opposition to security forces who had entered the plane through two rear emergency exits about half an hour after it landed. Between the passengers' exit and his surrender, he fired two aimless shots into the air with his two pistols.

He is expected to be tried in Israel for hijacking.

He told the press later that he "wanted to make friends with Israel" and stressed that he had no political affiliations and was not associated with any terrorist group.

According to the Lebanese captain of the craft, Adel Kawas, Atouni — whom he described as "totally crazy" — entered the cockpit about one and a quarter hours out of Benghazi, just over the international air border between Egypt and Cyprus.

"He seemed drunk and demanded that I take him to Lod. He threatened to kill me if I refused."

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf David Elazar said that the plane was given permission to approach Lod, but that landing permission was stalled until "Israel had taken all precautions to ensure that the plane would land at Lod and do nothing else."

Two Phantoms were sent up to escort the plane onto the regular Lod approach, while ground forces were organized to receive it on the ground. Within minutes of the captain's call that he was landing at Lod, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Transport Minister Shimon Peres, the Chief of Staff and senior officers arrived at the airport.

After landing at Lod, the plane was directed to a side runway, where it waited for some 30 minutes before being approached by security forces. According to Captain Kawas, a father of six, the hijacker refused to believe that he was in Israel and demanded to speak to an Israeli official personally before allowing the passengers to disembark.

Captain Kawas claimed that when he informed Lod he had been hijacked, controllers at first told him not to enter Israeli airspace. He replied that he had no option — "You don't argue with a madman with two pistols" — and informed Lod that he was on his way.

"When I arrived over the airport, however, I was held up in the sky for over half an hour before I received permission to land. They only granted me permission to land after



Libyan hijacker Captain Adel Kawas at Lod airport yesterday. "He's crazy," he said of the Libyan hijacker. (Israel Sun)



Hijacker Mahmoud Atouni talking to reporters at Lod airport yesterday. (Rubinger)

**Golda: That's what happens in air today**

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Golda Meir declared last night that the Lod hijack incident yesterday was a grim reflection of the deteriorating state of international air traffic.

"An incident such as this shows what happens in the air nowadays, when one man, crazy and drunk, can endanger passengers' lives and no one does anything to stop him," she said and quipped: "because he was neither an Israeli nor a Jew — so everything passed quietly..."

The Premier was reporting on the hijack incident to the Labour Party Secretariat after Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir concluded presenting his four-year social and economic plan. (See page 2).

She told the party leaders that the passengers included a V.I.P.

"He is not George Habash or one of Habash's relatives. But we will not delay him. Someone said that thanks to Habash and the Security Council he is being allowed to depart, but it is immaterial. It has been decided that he should be allowed to go." (The Chief of Staff later identified this V.I.P. as the Libyan Ambassador to Iraq.)

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The Lebanese Boeing 707 airliner shown parked at Lod Airport with its passengers having left by the emergency chute and surrounded by security men. (Starphoto)

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**Strike by municipal workers ends**

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A wild-cat strike by municipal workers which began on Wednesday was called off at 5 p.m. yesterday, after leaving the towns without garbage collection and producing a trail of garbage across the country.

The strike by the municipal workers section of the Clerical Workers Union was called off as a gesture of goodwill toward Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon — after five hours of heated debate at the section's secretariat.

But the section said it would appeal against the compromise wage agreement reached on Tuesday in the Histadrut Central Committee.

With no garbage collected on Wednesday night and early yesterday, piles of refuse could be seen in Tel Aviv along the pavements, and in some areas a rank odour filled the air.

The problem was not so great in residential neighbourhoods, but in industrial areas, trash cans overflowed and the refuse was finally dumped straight on the sidewalks. Worst hit by the strike, however, were the outdoor markets, such as the Hatikva and Carmel markets. Their narrow streets were soon filled with rotting produce and even with discarded bits of meat and poultry. There were crates, newspapers and empty paper-bags all over. Hot weather hastened the spoiling of the discarded foodstuffs and odours began to spread.

The scene was similar in Haifa and Jerusalem and other towns. There was total confusion in the ranks of city workers with different groups of employees getting different instructions from union officials. Thus in Tel Aviv, for example, garbage was collected despite the strike, while in Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan it was not. (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

**Magruder pleads guilty to bugging**

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — John Stuart Magruder, a one-time White House aide, pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge that he conspired to wiretap, obstruct justice and defraud the U.S. Government in the Watergate bugging case.

Mr. Magruder, 38, pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge before Federal Judge John Sirica, who withheld sentencing pending further indictments in the case, expected to be brought later this year by a Federal grand jury.

Magruder was released after promising he would cooperate with the special Government prosecutors in the Watergate case.

Magruder, in testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee, had accused former Attorney General John Mitchell of approving the 1972 break-in at the Democratic headquarters.

**'It could only be Tel Aviv'**

By ARI RATH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

One of the passengers on the hijacked plane, an MBEA air hostess who had been on loan to Libyan Airways and was on her way to Beirut on home leave, told The Jerusalem Post she was pleasantly surprised by the cordial reception given the passengers by the Israeli authorities.

Familiar with the views of most of the cities in the Middle East from the air from her many flying hours, she was the first among the passengers to realize that the Lebanese plane was flying over Tel Aviv. "It was simple — I knew that this was not Damascus, Cairo, Beirut or Nicosia, so it could only be Tel Aviv."

"I was scared at first, fearing that this was another Israeli action, similar to the one last Friday, and in such hijackings the slightest mistake can bring disaster. Some of my close friends in Libyan Airways were killed in the plane over Sinai."

She said she noticed a slim man of medium height in his early thirties walking up the aisle about an hour after take-off, carrying a bag. "I became slightly suspicious, but since he was alone, I did not think it was anything serious and thought he was just going to the bathroom. Then I realized that we were flying over Tel Aviv."

The young, attractive air hostess spoke freely to Israeli newsmen who surrounded her, as did most of the passengers and crew of the Lebanese plane. She refused, however, to give her name.

"After we landed, the hijacker came out of the cockpit, wearing a blue-green jacket, which he did not have before, holding two pistols and talking to us as if he was a friend."

The women and children were very scared and I tried to calm them down. The half-hour wait on the ground in the hot plane seemed endless.

When she realized that Defence Minister Dayan and the Chief of Staff were sitting at another table in the same room, she expressed the hope that they would come over and greet her group, but they did not.

## Continuing doubt about Nixon's word even after speech

By DANIEL GOTTLIEB  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon has served notice that he will not be drawn further into the public debate on Watergate and intends to serve out the remainder of his term.

Many politicians feel that his speech to the nation on Wednesday night, his fourth major statement on the Watergate since April 17, failed to offer any new evidence to allay suspicions that he was involved in or knew about the attempts to constrain the government agencies investigating Watergate.

On the other hand, there is general acknowledgement that the closing theme of his speech — look forward to the pressing business of the nation and not backward to the mire of Watergate — may strike a responsive chord amongst the so-called "silent majority" which re-elected him last November.

But the low percentage of support for the President — 51 per cent in the last Gallup poll — reflects the continuing doubts about the President's word. Herein lies the difficulty for Mr. Nixon's strategy of leaving Watergate to the courts and the investigating committee.

It is not, as the President attempted to portray on Wednesday night, his word — and those of his former associates who support his story — against that of John Dean, former White House counsel. The latter is not the only witness to imply that the President knew about possible involvement of his White House associates in the Watergate cover-up.

Former director Patrick Gray of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, testified that on July 6, 1972, less than three weeks after the Watergate break-in and bugging at the

Democratic National Committee headquarters, he warned the President that some men on his staff were trying to "mortally wound" him in the Watergate case. Mr. Gray said that this should have been enough warning to the President of possible illegal conduct by his aides.

Also Mr. Gray, former Attorney-General Richard Kleindienst, and current Assistant Attorney-General Henry Petersen have disputed the President's earlier statements, reiterated on Wednesday night without reference to their testimony, that on March 1 he ordered the Justice Department and the FBI to get all the facts about any cover-up.

Mr. Nixon has done, and says he will do nothing, to resolve these conflicts with his word. "That is for the (Senate) committee and the courts," he said.

Mr. Nixon made what most observers felt was a strong case for not violating presidential confidence by releasing the secret tapes of his office and telephone conversations.

But his refusal to even discuss the doubt cast by testimony of three top legal officers of the government — a doubt which only he, as the other side party to the conversations involved — means that the public will have to judge only on the basis of his blanket disclaimer of any knowledge of the possibility of a cover-up before March 1 of this year.

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## Soviet Jews cheer Israel team's victory at games

MOSCOW. — Israel, subjected to jeers and catcalls at the World Student Games opening ceremony on Wednesday, received a valuable morale booster after the men's basketball preliminary-round match here yesterday.

The Israelis, who beat Belgium by 97 to 54, were acclaimed by a small but enthusiastic group of Soviet Jews among the spectators at their match. The Israeli players exchanged greetings with their Jewish supporters after the game and joined them in a Hebrew song.

Three Soviet Jews, who are seeking to emigrate to Israel, were briefly detained by police on Wednesday evening, after attending the opening ceremony of the games, Jewish sources said yesterday.

The sources said two of the Jews who were detained after the opening ceremony were women who had thrown balloons to the athletes. They

declined giving permission to use their names. The third detainee was identified as Dmitry Ram of Moscow.

The three were taken to a police command post inside the stadium, questioned and then released, the sources said.

Some of the Jews in the stands held a placard with the word "Shalom" written in Hebrew, the sources said, but it was quickly spotted and torn up by a plainclothesman in the grandstand.

The sources said uniformed militiamen and secret police plainclothesmen were placed throughout the stadium and that some of these forced Jews to stand up during the playing of the Soviet national anthem.

Some Jews, the sources said, had planned to remain seated during the anthem as a protest against the authorities' refusal to grant them exit visas. (AP, Reuters)

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## Centrist bloc formed; to run one list in Histadrut vote

By MARK SEGAL  
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National Liberal Union became a fact yesterday in the Histadrut when Gahal, the State List and the Free Centre signed an agreement to join forces in the Histadrut. They will contest the September Histadrut elections on a single list. At the last Histadrut elections in 1969, the three won a combined 23 per cent of the vote.

The way is now open to extend the unity agreement to the Knesset and local elections.

The Histadrut agreement was urgent, because this coming Wednesday is the final deadline for submitting candidates' list to the Histadrut central elections committee.

The State List is pressing the Herut leadership to be amenable to inclusion of an electoral reform plank in the National Liberal Union platform.

Hitherto Herut chairman Menachem Begin has bitterly opposed electoral reform and even forced his Liberal partners to withhold their support for legislative changes.

However, yesterday the State List's Zalman Shoval advised Herut's Haim Landau that the issue of electoral reform is as important for the State List as the border issue is for Herut.

A session of the platform committee is planned for this morning. The joint candidates' list will be composed according to the percentages each list won in the 1969 Histadrut elections: Gahal, 17; The State List, 4 and the Free Centre, 2. This principle will apply to all

their joint lists — to the Histadrut elections, the labour councils, the Moetzet Hapalot and the Agricultural Union.

It was also agreed that money accruing from Histadrut funds will be divided within the joint block in keeping with their electoral strength in 1969. In the event of disagreements, the matter will be left to a four-man committee (two for Gahal and one each for the State List and the Free Centre), and if that body is unable to reach a decision, then the issue will be left to the arbitration of Liberal Party executive chairman Shmuel Elich.

Significantly, a rider was added whereby this clause will be automatically void on the morrow of the Histadrut elections.



Passengers of the hijacked MEA plane being served a meal at Lod Airport's departure lounge.

## Jerusalem regrets U.S. support for Lebanese censure motion

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

Political circles in Jerusalem took the rather unbecoming step of reacting specifically to the U.S. vote at the Security Council on Wednesday night, and couched their comment as much in sorrow as in anger.

They voiced their regret at the U.S. support for the resolution of censure for the Lebanese plane last Friday, because it made no reference whatsoever to the background, including the record of Arab terror.

The political circles deplored the fact that understanding in the U.S., as well as in other countries, for the urgent need to combat and eradicate terror, was not reflected in the Security Council vote. This resolution, Jerusalem said, would do nothing to stem terror. On the contrary, it would encourage it.

In what seemed like a note of consolation, those circles said they were taking due note of the statement made after the debate by U.N. Council delegate John Scali, who

stressed that his country was adhering consistently to its former Middle East policy, and that the American people was steadfastly resolved to stamp out all manifestations of terror.

(The inference from this was that Jerusalem considered the U.S. vote as a one-time divergence from its usual policy.)

Meanwhile, observers in Jerusalem, giving a less formal reflection of views here, said the Council debate, with its built-in system of censure, was characteristic of the U.N. in that it never solved any

problems, and only castigated Israel, never the Arabs.

Accordingly, Israel rejected the Council censure of Wednesday out of hand. Israel would never solve the terror problem within the U.N. framework; nor would the U.N. itself solve the problem.

The U.N.'s censure system was a one-sided procedure, which left no room for considerations of justice, but decided according to convenience. The observers queried the manner in which states friendly to Israel, and sensitive to the problem of terror, saw fit to condemn Israel over the Lebanese plane affair.

## Court told Alvo knew who kidnapped son 3 children die in road accidents

REHOVOT. — Three of the suspects in last April's \$500,000 Lod Airport diamond robbery — former Airport porters Emil Alvo and Shlomo Attias and jeweller David Ben-Yishai — were ordered held for an additional 15 days by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

Police told the court that Alvo, whose eight-year old son Jacques was briefly kidnapped and found unharmed on June 28, knew all the while who had taken the boy and that the kidnapping was connected with a dispute over the stolen diamonds.

They added that five of the gems had been found in a storeroom in Lydda town belonging to Ben-Yishai. More — some tens of thousands of pounds worth — were allegedly found in the house of Ben-Yishai's brother.

Counsel for Alvo and Attias, who have both been under arrest for 29 days, claimed that her clients could not be held longer without a written application from the Attorney General. But Judge Shlomo Yirach granted the police request for 15-day extension. His grounds were that, while the two were originally arrested for the diamond theft, the police now suspected Attias had also helped organize the kidnapping, and that Alvo had concealed information about it.

(Item)



Chief of Intelligence Aluf Eli Zeira reviews his information with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and O.C. Central Command, Aluf Behavim Ze'evi, at Lod Airport yesterday.

## Arab stations embarrassed

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Arab capitals last night seemed puzzled by yesterday's hijacking drama while their radio reflected embarrassment, probably because this was the second time in a week that Israel had held an Arab airliner and in this case the hijacker came from militant Libya.

The Arab state radios cast doubts on the credibility of the hijacking story, implying that Israel might have been behind the episode and terrorist leaders could have been aboard the plane. The Egyptian state radio repeatedly quoted "agencies" as claiming that four terrorist passengers had been detained in

Lod. The claim was categorically denied here.

Cairo's main broadcasting stations emphasized that there were conflicting reports on the hijacking, noting various versions on the number of hijackers. These stations nevertheless later quoted Israeli spokesmen as stating there had been only one hijacker, who, Cairo Radio reported, "might have been seeking political asylum" in Israel.

The Palestinian terrorist movement's broadcasts from Cairo at one point hinted that the operation might have been a retaliation for last Friday's interception by Israel of an Iraqi-chartered Lebanese plane.

In an apparent attempt to get into the picture, the terrorists broadcast a number of so-called code messages, one of which read: "From AA to Abu Azam: and Abu Nimr. Greetings. Send your mail with investigation." Another message demanded: "Azam, come over immediately."

Lebanon, owner of the plane, confirmed its reports to wire dispatchers coming out of Israel. President Suleiman Franjeh reportedly summoned his cabinet to an emergency session. No details were disclosed last night, as the Lebanese authorities presumably awaited the return of the plane and the interrogation of the plane's crew and passengers.

## LIBYAN HIJACK

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women and children and then men. One person was slightly injured while sliding down and was treated at the El-Asmar Hospital.

The passengers were taken to a lounge at the airport's departure area where they were given a hot meal and drinks while being checked off on the passenger list by security forces. Among the passengers was Libya's Ambassador to Iraq, Salah al-Shinawi, 35, a relative of deposed King Idris. Children were taken to a creche near the airport where staff called in from home took care of them.

To a man the passengers praised the treatment they received. Mr. Dayan and the Chief of Staff spent well over an hour in the lounge, where they were stated at by the rounded by curious passengers.

Chatting with the crew of the plane in the airport restaurant, the Chief of Staff asked them how they felt and where they came from. When they all said they were from Beirut, Rav-Aluf Eliazar said with a smile: "You should think about setting up your own place here; after all, this is the second Lebanese airliner to land in Israel within a few days."

Mr. Suzuki, a Japanese engineer living in Beirut, said that not only had he never expected to come to Israel, "but in my wildest dreams I never thought I would see Dayan in person."

Israeli officials, anxious to make sure that the world knew Israel had no part in the hijacking, took the unprecedented action — in Israel — of allowing pressmen to enter the plane and the hijacker.

Their good-will, however, was marred by the rowdy behaviour of the press corps — especially tele-

vision camera crews anxious to get their own "angle" on the story.

Atoumi, dressed in shabby grey suit and sporting a moustache, told pressmen that he had purchased two pistols — a 6.5mm. and a 7.62mm. — in Cairo two months ago. "I had taken the decision to hijack the plane a long, long time ago and bring you a present," he said.

He had been greatly distressed by the bad treatment of Jews in his own country when he was a boy, he said, and had always wanted to make friends with the Israelis. "But that Egyptian Sadat prevents us by force, so I decided to do what I did."

Speaking broken English and Arabic alternately, the youthful-looking Atoumi said that at no stage had he been searched for weapons when he boarded the plane.

An unpleasant incident occurred when Atoumi was confronted with the captain before dozens of television cameras in the departures hall. Screaming in incoherent Arabic the hijacker broke loose from his two police escorts and started throwing punches in the direction of the pilot, shouting: "I don't want to see you, I don't want to see you again."

By 9.00 the passengers started to line up for boarding. The flight was announced over the regular airport intercom. But their departure was held up for nearly half an hour while the passengers were called individually by an air hostess who had to go through the list three times before all the passengers were accounted for.

IL6 for LE1

ASHKELOON. — The official exchange rate for the Egyptian pound has been raised from IL4 to IL6, the Gaza Strip Area Commander, Tst-Aluf Avraham Vardi, announced yesterday.

## False alarm for three tomb-seekers

By YESHAYAHU ASHNI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Soldiers and police combed the southern Golan Heights for three hikers thought to have been lost, but who, oblivious of the hue and cry, turned up at kibbutz Ein Gev early yesterday morning after having slept out in the open all night as they had planned.

The three Jerusalemites, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday, they had been searching for graves of the Tannaitic period, and that they were members of an Orthodox group called Kevod Emet.

They originally set out with three others, and then split up into two groups. A member of one group, who was new to these tomb-hunts, had mistakenly thought the other group lost, and sounded the alarm.

The "missing" trio, Abraham Ben-Schaffer, 40, his son, Yehoshua, 13, and Yitzhak Torczynski, about 40, had said on Tuesday afternoon that they would trek to Ein Gev through Wadi Daliot. After sleeping out, and arriving at the kibbutz Wednesday morning, they learned of the abortive all-night search of them.

HOLON WILL receive nearly 500 dunams of land belonging to Tel Aviv, according to a Ministry of Interior decision. The transfer is meant to place Tel Gihon Hospital, now under construction, within Holon municipal limits.

32 DRUSE and Arab girls yesterday began a one year nursing course at the Government Hospital in Nahariya.

## Sapir sees 8% annual rise in GNP

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday predicted that the GNP would rise by an annual average of eight per cent over the next four years reaching IL42,000m. in 1977 compared with IL31,000m. in 1972. Industrial production, now IL32,000m. will have jumped by a third to IL50,000m. in 1977.

Outlining guidelines for his social and economic programme for the next four years to the Labour Party Secretariat here yesterday, Mr. Sapir warned that the present level of government subsidies could not continue. The Government now subsidizes bread to the extent of 75 per cent, and that's why there is so much waste. "The same applies to meat, dairy products and cooking oil."

The Finance Minister set out a scale of national priorities for the coming four years — first, defence; second, aliyah; third, maximum economic growth combining full employment and expanding Israel's drive to economic independence. The next Labour-led Government would also emphasize its social welfare programmes to improve the lot of the lower income strata. Mr. Sapir would give equal priority to "expanding the infrastructure, improving the quality of the environment and raising living standards."

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Can it be not. In Haifa the Carmelit underground train service was stopped by the strike.

The Union of Local Authorities chairman, Holon Mayor Pinhas Eylon, told The Jerusalem Post that despite the strike being called off, all those who took part in it will not be getting any strike pay. He also said that the Union of Local Authorities has called on the Histadrut to do something about the "increasingly common phenomenon of rank and file membership of various unions rebelling against their leadership, thus rendering any work agreement negotiated null and void whenever the employees feel like it." Mr. Eylon added that if nothing else, "this should give the Histadrut leadership a good reason for not negotiating."

The municipal workers' strike developed out of their criticism against the secretary-general of the Clerical Workers Union, Moshe Bar-Tal, for following the lead of the Civil

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Service Union in negotiating with the Finance Minister. The municipal workers maintain that Mr. Bar-Tal should have insisted on holding separate negotiations with the direct employers, meaning the heads of local authorities. Yesterday's meeting specifically stressed that in the future the municipal workers would not link their fate to that of the civil servants.

Mr. Bar-Tal told The Jerusalem Post he was of the same opinion himself, but he was tied by a 1964 collective agreement which stipulated that all employees in the unified pay scale negotiate their contract in common with the united representation of all employees.

He complained that "The local authorities representative did not utter a word, none of the other employees sent a delegate, and we, of the Clerical Workers Union, had to negotiate with the Minister of Finance, who is not even our direct employer. This cannot continue."

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THE FAMILY

## Social and Personal

The President and Mrs. Ephraim Katzir yesterday received a delegation of the Israel-America Cultural Fund. Professor Katzir also received Prof. M. Wurtelle and his wife, from Los Angeles.

Avraham Shechterman, M.K., chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, yesterday entertained his South Korean counterpart, Mr. Kim Chong Chin, who is on a private visit to Israel.

Mr. Stanley D. Moss, who replaces Mr. Clifton Forster as Chief Information Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, and Mr. John Hirsh, a newcomer to the Embassy's political department, were last night introduced to local and foreign newsmen and Government spokesmen at a party given in their honour at the home of Mr. Walters Rogers Smith in Herzliya Pituah.

An Oneg Shabbat forum will be held at 8.45, this evening at Hachal Shlomo in Jerusalem. Rabbi Moshe Rose, former Secretary of the Chief Rabbinate in Britain, and Mr. Pinhas Miliav of the Foreign Ministry will participate. Cantor Arye Goldberg will lead the community singing. Tomorrow, there will be a Melave Malka programme at 8.30 p.m. Haim Zohar and Cantor Yehuda Lendner will participate. A film on religious life in Israel will be shown. Admission free; all welcome. (Communicated)

## IN MEMORIAM

The Israel office of the British Zionist Federation yesterday held a memorial meeting for Lillian Englert, former head of its Haifa branch, at the Moadon Ha'oleh in Haifa.

## ARRIVALS

Hershell Bernzard, star of the TV show "Arise," to take part in the Israel Festival. (By El Al)

## DEPARTURES

The Mexican Minister for Water Resources, Leandro Borjesson Wade, after a week's visit as the guest of the Foreign Ministry.

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## Labour's draft policy for the areas

**Jerusalem Post Political Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party leadership is today due to give its official sanction to a draft working programme in the administered territories for the next four years. Details of the draft, which has come to be known as the Galili summary, have now been made public.

The Minister-without-portfolio, Israel Galili, was asked by the Prime Minister to draft a document that would be based on the programme presented by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan to the top level forum of Labour Party ministers over which she presides. Mr. Galili sounded out the rest of his colleagues in order to achieve the desired consensus.

His main interest was in hearing the reservations of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, who had produced the loudest opposition to Mr. Dayan's proposals. However, during the course of the discussions, Mr. Sapir moved slowly but definitely in Mr. Dayan's direction, thereby demonstrating his loyalty to Mrs. Meir, his desire for party unity, and his political common sense.

The Finance Minister took every one by surprise by visiting Kfar Arba, the Jewish suburb of Hebron, in an apparent demonstration that his declared objections to Jewish settlement beyond the 1949 armistice lines are not as absolute as he had led the public to believe. This move of Mr. Sapir to find common ground with Mr. Dayan has, as it were, left a number of his more extreme colleagues in limbo, especially Foreign Minister Abba Eban who was more loudly opposed to the Dayan proposals at the earlier stage of the deliberations.

The Galili document's preamble goes out of its way to reassure all concerned — and especially Mapam — that the summaries are only recommendations to be submitted for approval to the policy-making bodies of the Labour Alignment.

"1. These summaries will be reflected in the Alignment election platform and be included in the overall working programme of the (next) government."

2. After the main points of the working programme have been approved, the operational plans will be worked out in detail. The operational budgets will be incorporated in the annual governmental budgets.

3. The working programme for the territories in the next four years does not involve any change in their political standing, nor in the status of their inhabitants and refugees. Unwara will continue with its operations.

However, there is no specific mention in the Galili document of agreement on money required for the Dayan programme, but as announced by Mr. Sapir, an agreement has been reached to allocate IL1,250m. in four annual payments for the development schemes for Judea, Samaria and Gaza (this aspect comes under section 2 of the Dayan draft).

The Galili document proper opens with:

A. Principle: "The next government will continue to operate in the territories on the basis of policies adopted by the present government."

B. The Gaza Strip-Refugee Rehabilitation and Economic Development.

"It is our intention to outline a working programme for the next four years and to allocate the required finances for its operation with

the aim of achieving the rehabilitation of refugees and economic development. The main points of the working programme: Rehousing (new housing for refugees near the camps and rehabilitation of the camps), vocational training schemes, improved educational and health services, creation of jobs for artisans and in industry encouragement of the inhabitants' own initiative to raise their living standards. (This incorporates sections 1 and 2 of the Dayan programme).

C. Development of Judea and Samaria.

"It is our intention to draw up a working programme for the next four years and ensure the necessary funds for its operation with the purpose of achieving the development of the economic infrastructure and to improve essential services (that is, building hospitals, regional and village clinics) expansion of water services, more vocational and post-elementary schools, better electricity system, improve road network, development of industry and industry as a source of livelihood for local residents, better housing for refugees, and help to local authorities."

D. Financing for Judea and Samaria.

In accordance with the arrangement between the Ministries of Finance and Defence.

E. International Financing.

Efforts will be made to obtain the necessary means from foreign sources for financing refugee rehabilitation programme and development plans.

F. Encouraging Israeli businessmen in the territories.

All kinds of encouragements (tax relief, government loans and so forth) will be accorded to Israeli businessmen in setting up industrial plants in the territories at the same rates accorded to investors in those areas given priority in Israel. (This is section 5 in the Dayan plan).

G. Encouraging local residents' own initiative in Judea and Samaria.

Extending aid to self-initiative of the local population in the fields of education, culture, religion, services, and in cultivating democratic patterns in social and municipal life. Senior civilian posts in the military government will be filled whenever possible, by local inhabitants. (Section 10 — Dayan Plan).

H. The Open-Bridges Policy.

This policy will continue as heretofore (section 9 of the Dayan plan refers to "encouraging and strengthening the affinity and links between the inhabitants of the territories and the Kingdom of Jordan").

I. Work of inhabitants of the territories in Israel.

Work of inhabitants of the territories in Israel will continue to be supervised, and they will be ensured the same wages and working conditions as prevail in Israel. (section 6 in Dayan plan).

J. Outposts and Settlements.

New settlements will arise and the network of outposts will be strengthened. Efforts will be made to increase their population by developing industry and tourism. When government budgets come to be determined, the necessary means will be allocated each year in keeping with the recommendations of the Settlement Department (of the Jewish Agency), and with the approval of the Cabinet Settlement Committee, with the view of setting



Galili bridges the gap

up in the coming four years additional settlements in the Rafah approach, the Jordan Rift and on the Golan Heights.

They will include: an industrial centre on the Golan Heights; a regional centre in the Jordan Rift; development of the North-east shore of Lake Kinneret and North-west shore of the Dead Sea; operation of planned water schemes.

The development of the settlements in the territories will also involve non-government elements, both public and private, within the approved framework. (Section 4 of the Dayan Plan).

K. The Regional Centre in the Rafah Approach.

The continued development of the regional centre of the Rafah approach will be ensured and it will be expanded to 800 housing units by 1977-78. Encouragement will be extended to industrial development for those persons with private means wishing to settle there. (Section 3b of the Dayan Plan, where the urban centre is called Yamit).

L. Concentration and Purchase of Land in the Territories.

1. Intensified concentration of land for existing and envisaged settlements.

2. The Israel Lands Authority will step in to acquire land and real estate in the territories for purposes of settlement, development and land exchanges.

3. The Lands Authority will lease land to companies and private persons for the purpose of approved development programmes.

4. The Lands Authority will acquire land by every effective means, including through companies and individuals who will buy land in coordination with the authority.

5. Acquisition of land and real estate by companies and private persons will be approved only in those cases where the Lands Authority is unable or not interested in such purchases.

6. A special Cabinet Committee will be empowered to grant permits on condition that the purchases are transferred for the purpose of constructive projects and not for speculative purposes, and within the framework of government policy.

7. The Lands Authority will also acquire land already bought by Jews. (Section 7 in the Dayan plan).

M. Jerusalem and Environs.

The population and industrial development of the Capital and its environs will continue with the aim of consolidation beyond the original

area mentioned in Administrative Order No. 1 (i.e. the administrative order gazetted immediately after the Six Day War extending the boundaries of Jerusalem). To this end, efforts will be made to buy land, and government lands will be utilized within this framework, to the South and the East of Jerusalem that the government has decided on enclosure. (Section 3 A, of the Dayan plan also refers to south of Jerusalem, beyond the 1949 armistice line.)

N. Nebi Samu'el.

It is resolved to implement the government decision for the settlement of Nebi Samu'el (Section 3 E of Dayan Plan).

O. Deep Sea Port South of Gaza.

With the intention of expediting the development of the Rafah approach, it is resolved that within the coming two-three years there will be a thorough analysis of the basic elements of the proposal to establish a deep sea port to the south of Gaza. This will include physical conditions, the economic viability of such a scheme and the political ramifications. After all the data has been compiled and a concrete blueprint submitted, the Government will decide on the matter. (Section 3 C, of the Dayan Plan simply refers to the decision to build a deep sea harbour).

P. Kfar Saba industrial zone.

All necessary conditions will be provided for setting up an industrial zone for Kfar Saba beyond the Green Line, as well as the development of Israel industries in the Kalkilya and Tulkarim areas. (Section 3 E, of Dayan Plan refers to "setting up an industrial zone for Kfar Saba on the area of absentee Jewish property (1,200 dunams) and according Jewish entrepreneurs the possibility of establishing industrial and housing projects in a properly planned and supervised manner in the Kalkilya and Tulkarim areas").

## Eliav claims 10,000 letters of support

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — Avie (Lyova) Eliav, M.K. claimed yesterday that 10,000 people — "mostly young men and kibbutz or mo'avim members" — had written him endorsing his ideas for the Labour Party elections platform.

Mr. Eliav represents the "dovish" element of the party.

"I will defend this stand in the appropriate party committee of which I suppose I will be a member," he told Tel Aviv Rotary. He added that he considered his direct appeal to the voters the best democratic procedure, in the absence of constituency elections.

Mr. Eliav said he supported the "Dayan plan" to rehabilitate Arab refugees, but alleged that it was the Defence Minister who blocked a similar suggestion several years ago. Saying that the Israeli taxpayer should not have to provide the large sums required, he said: "We can have money from international sources only if we state clearly that the territories constitute our option for a full peace with the Arabs." By "full peace" he meant a relationship arrived at after free negotiations and resulting in establishment of normal diplomatic and trade relations and open borders.

## Beirut hashish carriers tell of Egyptian shots

By YOEL DAB

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**HAIFA.** — The four seamen from Lebanon caught in Israeli waters off Nahariya on Tuesday, with two tons of hashish in their boat were yesterday remanded in custody for 15 days by Chief Magistrate Miriam Verlinaky. This is the largest quantity of the drug ever caught by the Israeli police; it is worth about IL2m.

The four men are Selim Shehadeh, 24, formerly of Gaza; Elias Fakousi, 21, of Lebanon; Mustafa Zamhour, 65, of Jordanian and Moussa Hignazi, 28, of Egypt. All said they had entered Israeli waters by mistake, and apologized. Mrs. Verlinaky asked them whether the smuggling bid had also been a mistake, but she received no reply.

The four, brought to court under heavy guard, seemed confused. The police prosecutor, sergeant Moshe Dayan, explained to them in Arabic the charges against them. Their spokesman, Zamhour, told the court they had been on their way from Egypt to Beirut.

He later told *The Jerusalem Post* that they were fishermen, and not professional smugglers. A few days ago, a man had met them on the Lebanese beach and had asked them to take him and his cargo to Mersa Matruh, in Egypt (near the Libyan border). "We didn't know what the cargo was and didn't ask, for we were promised a good pay. Only when we were at sea did he tell us what we were carrying. When we neared Mersa Matruh, the man got into a dinghy and asked us to wait until he returned to pick up the stuff."

"A couple of hours later, people on the shore opened fire on us. We made off as fast as we could and turned back towards Beirut. We ran out of fuel and food, and a German ship gave us some."

"How did we get into Israeli waters? I don't know. We saw lights in the distance and thought they were those of Beirut. Then an Israeli patrol boat stopped us and took us ashore."

"The investigators treated us well. They gave us food and cigarettes. They wanted to know how we got here."

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## Prayers at Ikrit church permitted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**HAIFA.** — Greek Catholic Archbishop Joseph Raya is being permitted to conduct a special service at the Ikrit church on Saturday. But he has been asked to provide the police with a list of names of all those who wish to participate.

The police are charged with maintaining order at Ikrit, which is a closed military area, admission to which is by special permit.

Yesterday the Archbishop published a statement saying that the O.C. Northern Command, Aluf Yitzhak Hafi, had cancelled a meeting with him scheduled for August 8, without explanation and without setting a new date. The O.C. explained later that the issue of permits had been delegated to the police which had been instructed to provide them in this case.

## Deportee's release from jail 'could mean murder'

**TEL AVIV.** — The District Court here yesterday refused to order the release of a Mexican citizen being held in prison pending his deportation, for fear that this could lead to a serious crime — "perhaps even murder."

The Mexican, Pedro Corbell, has been in prison for about three weeks, ever since the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court last month ordered his expulsion because his tourist visa had expired and he had run up a large debt at a hotel in the city.

Yesterday he appealed against his imprisonment, claiming there was no reason to hold him until he is deported.

Judge Haim Dvorin disagreed — Corbell was penniless and had nowhere to stay until the order is executed. And he could "under such circumstances" accept the suggestion put forward by Corbell's counsel that his client could stay with a certain woman in the city until he leaves the country.

This woman, the counsel explained to the court, was the wife of a security officer at the hotel where Corbell was staying when his money ran out. The security officer had kindly offered to take him into his own home, and Corbell accepted. His hostess — a model — fell in love with him. She offered to leave her husband and marry him once he converted to Judaism.

"How could Corbell stay with the couple in such circumstances?" the judge asked.

At this point, the woman, who was in court, jumped up and told



PEDRO CORBELL

the court that her husband had agreed to leave the apartment while Corbell was staying there.

Judge Dvorin was not convinced. "Such a solution would only invite a serious crime — possibly even murder," either by the husband or by the appellant, he said.

So the appeal was dismissed and Corbell will remain in prison until he is deported. Of course, as Judge Dvorin pointed out, he can still appeal against his expulsion order or even renew his appeal for release on bail — "if circumstances change."

In another deportation case, a German citizen who entered Israel in April, 1971, and has remained here illegally since his visa expired, was yesterday ordered by the Interior Ministry to leave the country.

The man, Johann Spikko, has been engaged in missionary activity while in Israel. He is suspected by the Interior Ministry of having a Nazi past.

## Afula girl seized, beaten, drugged and abandoned

**TIBERIAS.** — A 17-year-old girl was found drugged and beaten up here on Wednesday evening after allegedly being forced into a car and driven off by two men earlier in the day.

The girl, who lives in Afula, was snatched off a street in Lower Tiberias on Wednesday afternoon and found abandoned several hours later. She was taken to the Forda Hospital in weak condition.

Police are looking for the two suspects, one of whom they claim to have been identified. The two men and the girl are believed to have known each other previously. (Itm)

## Haifa lawyer charged with stealing clients' money

**HAIFA.** — Israel Yehuda, the Haifa attorney who left the country suddenly last year and was arrested on his return here two weeks ago after being expelled from Rhodesia, was formally charged yesterday with stealing IL208,000 of his clients' money.

The indictment presented in the District Court here charges the 40-year-old lawyer with 14 separate counts of appropriating money belonging to clients he represented in his divorce, compensation and property-transfer practices.

Yehuda, who worked as a teacher in Rhodesia (where his wife and daughters remain), said on his return that he had left the country as part of a plan to repay his creditors.

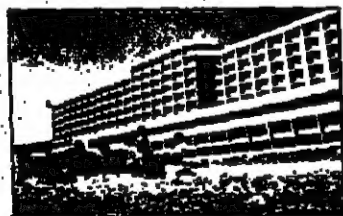
The indictment charges that Yehuda persuaded clients to leave money with him with the intention of depriving them of the funds. The IL208,000 includes IL15,000 which Yehuda is said to have received from a man seeking a divorce from his wife to prevent the woman from sharing in it. Another

IL3,000 is compensation which the prosecution said was intended for a child who had lost an eye.

The prosecution said it would call 34 witnesses when the trial starts.

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# ISRAEL TEAM NOT AFRAID IN RUSSIA

## Hide and seek with the KGB

MOSCOW (AP). — A small band of Israeli athletes, with the memory of the Munich massacre still fresh in their minds, find themselves in hostile surroundings again — but they vow they are not afraid.

"We are used to this," said Jack Elmer of Tel Aviv University, a towering basketball player. "We live always on the edge of danger."

Elmer was one of 28 athletes who marched behind the Star of David in opening ceremonies of the World University Games at Lenin Stadium, while whistles and jeers stung their ears from the crowd of 100,000.

The American-born athlete and his teammates lounged outside their quarters at Moscow State University yesterday and talked feelingly of the hardship of being a Jew in the U.S.S.R. Still they insisted they were unafraid.

"We couldn't believe the reception we got," said Moshe Zilberman, another member of the basketball team. "On the way back to our quarters on the bus after the parade, some of the boys just sat there with their eyes glazed."

Elmer is a handsome young man, 2.1 metres tall, with dark hair and a moustache. He grew up in Paterson, New Jersey and attended Cincinnati University. His mother, Dora Elmer, still lives in Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

He was the most vocal of the group.

"The whistling and the booing didn't bother me so much," Elmer said. "What really stunned most of us was the fear shown by the Russian Jews."

"During the march around the track, I noticed a small group of Soviet Jews sitting in the stands, applauding as loudly as they dared. I was proud of them."

### GAVE AWAY CAP

"I was wearing a kova tembel (hat) with 'shalom' written on it. Later, I took it off and went to the stand to give it to one of the Jews."

"There was a man sitting close by. He wore a dark hat, pulled over his eyes, a trench coat, and he was smoking a cigarette — like something out of an American movie. When I threw the cap to him, he looked at it, grabbed it, and stuffed it in his pocket. He never changed expression."

Elmer said all of the team members were disturbed by the reluctance of the Soviet Jews to show friendliness to them or even recognition.

"We walked down the street and these Jews walked about five feet to the side of us, talking to us in Yiddish but pretending they weren't," he added. "It was unsettling for all of us."

Uniformed guards passed back and forth as Elmer, Zilberman, another basketball teammate, Avior Amnon, and team manager Shlomo Berlin

relaxed in the portico in front of the massive Stalinist structure where the athletes live.

"We know there are special guards, but they don't bother us," said Amnon. "They are everywhere. We know the Russian sports people want us to be secure, and we appreciate it."

The Israelis are quartered on the seventh floor of the 32-storey skyscraper, and to reach them, it is necessary to pass through three well-guarded gates.

"They have put a tail on us, too — a plainclothesman," said Elmer. "We laugh and joke about this. It has become a sort of game."

"The other night we were riding the metro, the subway. We jumped off quickly and caught another train. Then we jumped off at the next stop and caught still another train. When we reached our destination, there was our tail. We couldn't shake him."

### WAS IN MUNICH

Elmer was a member of the Olympic basketball team for the Munich games, but was in Augsburg for the conclusion tournament at the time of the massacre. Many of his friends were among the team taken hostage by a band of Arab terrorists from the Black September group and then murdered in the greatest tragedy in Olympic history. Eleven Israeli athletes, five terrorists and a Munich policeman died in the slaughter.

"The only reason we were in Augsburg was because we lost a game," Elmer said. "If we had won, we would have been in Munich, and who knows where we might be now."

Yasser Arafat, head of the Arab Palestinian terrorist movement, was invited to be a special guest of the university games here. He reported, Nick Rodi, vice-president of the International Federation of Student Games, said Arafat sat just below the American official delegation during the opening ceremony.

The fans whistled loudly — an act of derision in European sports — when the blue-clad Israelis made their appearance and marched around the circular quarter-mile track. It was the only negative demonstration in an otherwise uneventful and colourful show.

"The speaker even lowered his voice when he announced our team," Elmer said. "The Russian television cameras also turned the other way, and for thousands of Russians watching on TV, the Israelis were not in the parade."

GONDOLIER — German radio journalist Volk-Mittels, 56, claims to be the first foreigner to qualify as a gondolier in Venice. He spent 22 hours under instruction in the specialized long, narrow, sweep-stroke while making a documentary on the history of the gondola.



Israeli athlete Jack Elmer, pass in hand, and basketball teammate Avior Amnon prepare to show their special passes to Soviet militia at the entrance to their lodgings at Moscow University. Below, the 28 members of the Israeli team parade across Moscow's Lenin Stadium during Wednesday's opening ceremony. The first marcher carries a sign reading "Israel" in Cyrillic letters, while the second carries the Israeli flag. (AP radio photo)



# Islamic mission defies Philippine protocol

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines (AP). — An Islamic mission of three foreign ministers and the ambassador son-in-law of an African President completely punctured protocol they said prevented them from meeting Moslems in this ancient seaport.

Seeking information on the Moslem struggle in the southern Philippines the dignitaries tramped through a fishermen's slum, kicked off their shoes to inspect a mosque, searched for refugees and cross-examined local officials. The members of the mission ignored the military and befuddled their escorts.

"We are not here to make trouble," said a mission leader, Omar Ghali, Somalia's Foreign Minister. He made the statement shortly after Zamboanga Mayor Joaquin Enrriquez Jr. and a large group of officials welcomed the visitors.

"Really, we thank you for the warm welcome, but we want to be at ease with the people. We must talk to the Moslems themselves. I mean without embarrassment to all, because we come as friends who want to help."

## Cairo mum on reports of Korean pilots

CAIRO (UPI). — A government source yesterday declined comment on an Israeli military spokesman's assertion that 10 to 20 North Korean pilots are now flying Egyptian combat aircraft.

The source said, however, he saw an ulterior motive behind the timing of the Israeli claim.

He said he believed the Israelis "chose to make a lot of noise about this in order to distract attention from the set of piracy they committed last week."

Meanwhile, a six-man parliamentary delegation flew to North Korea on Wednesday night for a visit "aimed at explaining Egypt's attitude in the Arab-Israeli conflict," the Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

The delegation, led by Sayyed Ali Sayyed, Deputy President of the People's Council, will also visit China and Japan.

The agency said the visits are "within the framework of parliamentary moves to explain the Middle East crisis, promote cooperation and strengthen ties with parliaments of the world."

The visits are also aimed at coordination of policy for the Conference of International Parliamentarians scheduled for Chile in October, the agency said.

But followed by a large entourage of officials, Ghali and his colleagues never got to see anyone alone on the first day of the two-day tour that will take them to Mindanao and the Sulu Islands, nearly 1,000 kilometers south of Manila.

Other mission members, who arrived in the Philippines from Bangkok, are Senegal's ambassador to Egypt Mustapha Gasse, foreign minister Omar Sekkat of Saudi Arabia, and Abdul Al Baki of Libya.

"But, I am satisfied that we saw something," said the Somali foreign minister after he marched in the mud through the narrow lanes of a Moslem fishermen's slum by the sea.

The mission is here following a resolution at the Islamic Conference in Libya last March seeking more information on the fighting between Moslem insurgents and Government forces. Some critics of the Philippines Government had claimed before the conference that talk to the Moslems themselves, I mean without embarrassment to all, because we come as friends who want to help."

## Suicide leap misses mark

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI). — Elizabeth A. Pare, 30, leaped from the Golden Gate Bridge on Wednesday only to land on a glider 38 cm. below the sidewalk level.

Miss Pare was stunned and did not move. A passing motorist notified the California Highway Patrol at the toll station.

Officers climbed over the rail and with the help of bridge employees, pulled her to safety with a life line. Police said she had left a suicide note in her car.

The delegation never did get its wish to see a Moslem refugee camp.

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# Eban, in Bolivia, chides U.N. failure on terror

LA PAZ (AP). — Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban said on Wednesday U.N. efforts to curb international terrorism were "a total failure," but Israel would continue this fight.

"Faced with this deficiency at the international level, terrorism is growing and has to be combated," the Minister told a news conference at the end of a three-day official visit to Bolivia.

Eban did not mention the U.N. condemnation on Wednesday of Israel's attempt to capture Palestinian terrorist leaders by forcing the landing of a Lebanese plane.

However, he said he was disappointed that "nothing would be done internationally to eradicate terrorism. When a terrorist act is realized, the protagonists are captured but then let free," he asserted.

"The discussions of this problem in the U.N. have not found an effective solution," he said, adding that Israel considered it "necessary to undertake an international effort" against terrorism.

Eban and Foreign Minister Mario Gutierrez of Bolivia signed a joint communiqué on Wednesday, stating their agreement that for true peace in the Middle East "the recognition is needed and the most adequate method of achieving that is through negotiations between the parties, without foreign interference or impositions."

Eban and Gutierrez signed an agreement for Israeli technical aid to Bolivia.

The suffering of the Khmer nation whose "crime" is to refuse an American-type "peace."

In other developments, Thailand placed its provinces bordering Cambodia under tight guard to prevent possible infiltration of Cambodian Communist insurgents.

The Thai Deputy Prime Minister ordered police to screen all Cambodian villagers crossing into Thailand. (UPI, Reuters)

## Portisch lead cut to ½ point in chess

By ELIHU SHAHAF  
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent  
Russia's Boris Geller and Brazil's Henrique Mecking drew in the top contest of the Interzonal Chess Tournament on Wednesday in a day devoted to adjourned games.

Geller and Mecking agreed to draw after 53 moves of a suspended round 12 game. The half point each gained put them in a tie for second place with 10.5 points, a half point behind Hungarian Lajos Portisch who leads with 11 points. Portisch did not play on Wednesday.

The big question hanging over the finish of the Petropolis World Championship Interzonal Tournament is whether the Russians will succeed in capturing even one of the first three places and qualify for the final stage of the World Championship elimination matches.

The overall standings after the 15th round were: Portisch 11; Mecking and Geller 10½; Hort, Polugaevski and Smyslov 9½; Reshevsky and Ljubojevic 8½; Bronstein and Ivkov 8; Savon 7½; Panno 7; Keren 6½; Gheorghiu 6; Bylasas 5½; Tan 3 and Kagan and Rug 2½.

In the 16th round yesterday Kagan, met Mecking. Geller met Ivkov and Portisch played Bronstein.

MONUMENT — The bunker used by Biafran leader Colonel Odumegwu Ojukwu is to be preserved as a tourist centre. A Nigerian tourism official said the makeshift shelter in Umashia, built in the 30-month civil war, is earmarked as an historical monument.

# B'klyn Hassidim avoid subway, 'immodest' mobs

NEW YORK (INA). — Special notices have been posted in Hassidic synagogues in the Boro Park and Williamsburg sections of Brooklyn urging congregants not to use subways during rush hours to go to or from work.

According to these notices, posted by Hassidic rabbis, subways should be avoided at these times because the crowding of men and women is often improper and because the attire of many women is immodest.

One synagogue notice states: "We call upon all those who have the fear of God to arrange their travel by bus, because once there is an available way of avoiding travel by subway, there is a special obligation to do so." Citing the Talmud, the notice states that it is written that "all who have a possible way of doing something and do not do it are evil."

Special buses have been started from the two sections of Brooklyn, which have large populations of Hassidim to Manhattan.

## London hijack alert after man arrested

LONDON (Reuters). — Armed police yesterday searched six Paris-bound British aircraft in a hijack alert following the arrest of a coloured man at London's Heathrow airport.

Police sources said the 26-year-old man, who was picked up at the airport three days ago. The man, whose name has not been given, will appear in court today charged with attempted criminal deception.

The sources said police were warned that a British Airways jet bound for Ory Airport, Paris, might be hijacked yesterday. A repetition of the recent Athens airport shooting, in which Arab gunmen killed four persons, was feared.

David Lennon adds from London: However, the "Evening News" reported a different version of the affair, saying that the information came from an Arab terrorist arrested by the police three days ago carrying arms and explosives. The arrest was never reported.

He allegedly told the police that he was part of a massacre squad planning to stage an attack in the departure lounge at Orly Airport. The attack was believed to have been planned to take place very soon, possibly yesterday evening.

The "Evening Standard" however, said that the police were looking for three men who were planning a hijack. They also wanted to make certain that no weapons or explosives had been planted on board.

A BEA security man told the "Standard": "The tip we got was good, but obviously something went amiss or we would have picked up the three men."

KARATE — The Jordanian Government yesterday ordered a ban on karate films "in the interests of the welfare of the nation's youth." Iraq has also banned karate movies.

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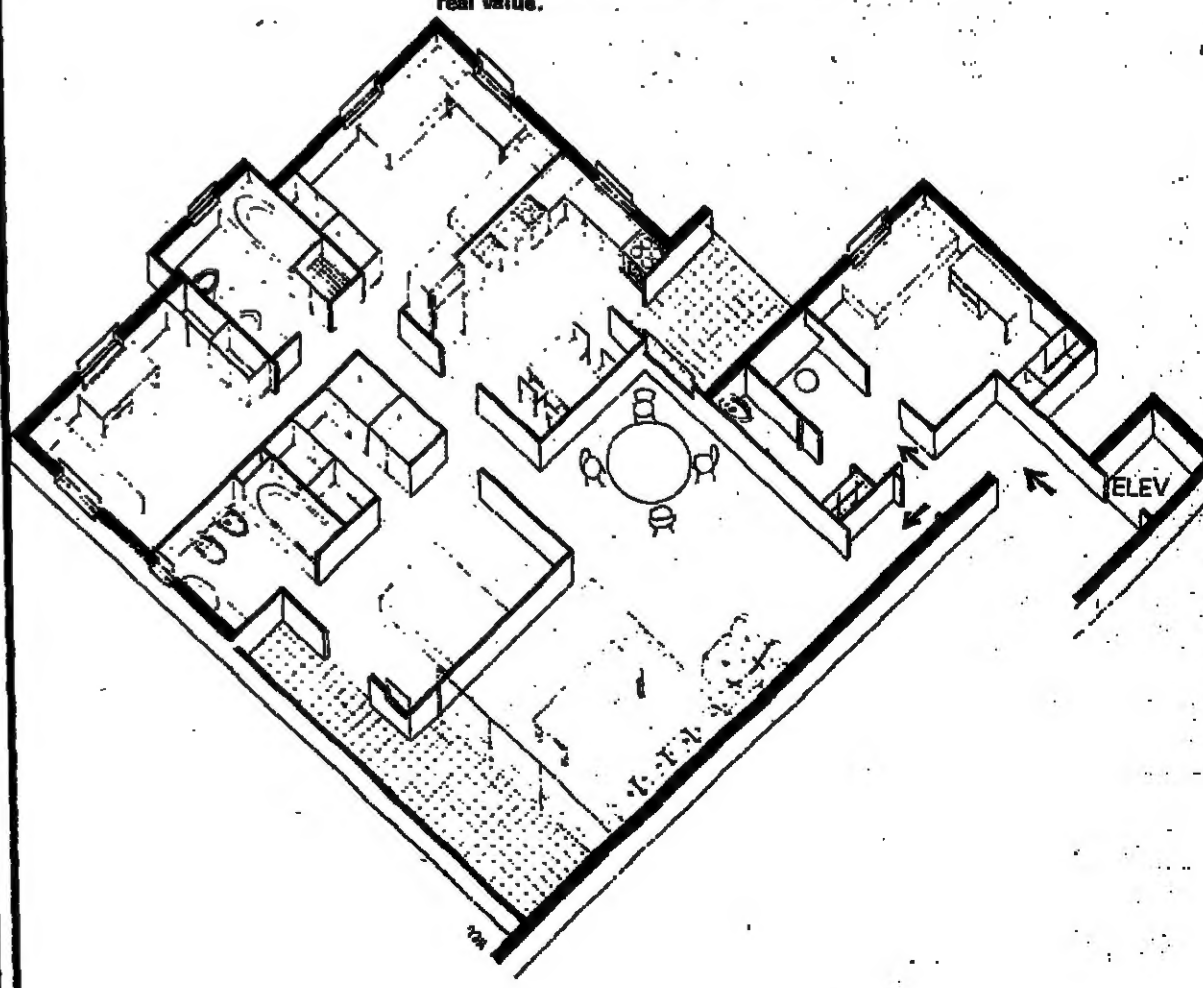


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## Irish train hijacked, blown up in Ulster

BELFAST. — The bomb-packed engine of a hijacked train was blown up yesterday near the border with the Irish Republic. The train was bound from Belfast to Eire when gunmen forced a signalman to stop it.

## 'Pravda' warns Egypt, Libya on quick union

MOSCOW (UPI). — The proposed union of Egypt and Libya could weaken Arab unity if it is carried out too hastily, "Pravda" said yesterday.

The Communist Party daily said that although the union could strengthen Arab unity, it could also become a factor in weakening it if it is carried out hastily, without political, economic and administrative precautions.

The two countries are at different stages of socio-economic development, "Pravda" said. Libya, which deposed its monarch in 1969, "has made only its first steps while Egypt has already achieved considerable success in turning from a rural to a rural-industrial country," "Pravda" added.

Supporting the Egyptian position of working cautiously toward unity, the newspaper recalled the unsuccessful experience of the hasty union of Egypt and Syria in 1958. It also said Libya's "vitality" oil industry was still controlled by foreign monopolies, whereas Egypt had already "liberated itself from such foreign dependencies."

## Russian eludes patrols, rows to Turkey in dinghy

ANKARA (Reuters). — A 28-year-old Russian rowed to the West in a rubber dinghy early yesterday, eluding Soviet naval patrols, and asked Turkish authorities for political asylum.

Valeri Yamin, who described himself as an aircraft engineer, captain and pilot, came ashore near the port of Arhavi, only 45 kms. from the Soviet border.

He told police he had spent three days rowing west from the Soviet port of Batumi, to which he had travelled on a holiday cruise with his wife and nine-year-old son.

Police received Yamin's story with some scepticism and took him to the nearby town of Hopa for detailed questioning by security officials.

"We are looking into this affair very closely," Turkey's director-general of police, Orhan Kibici, told newsmen. "The biggest mystery appeared to be how Yamin had managed to slip past the Soviet patrols."

## Soviet Yiddish paper doing well

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The local Yiddish-language newspaper of the Jewish autonomous region in the Soviet Far East has increased its circulation by 200 per cent in three years, Tass reported yesterday.

The official Soviet news agency said the newspaper, the "Bijaner", had regular subscribers in Europe and the U.S., but Tass did not give the paper's circulation figures. It said the Yiddish-language paper appears five times a week and receives regular contributions from writers all over the Soviet Union.

It is distributed in Soviet Ukraine, Moldavia, Byelorussia, Uzbekistan and the Baltic states, Tass said. The Jewish autonomous region has a population of about 175,000, of which 15,000 are Jews, according to statistics for 1971.



"KNOW OF ANY OPENINGS?" — In the days of the Prague Spring before the 1968 purge, First Secretary Alexander Dubcek chats with a chimney sweep in front of the Communist Party building. Today, many of Mr. Dubcek's former associates are themselves chimney sweeps, while the former party leader is an obscure forestry official.

## Former men of the Prague Spring still labouring at menial jobs

PRAGUE (Reuters). — Five years after Warsaw Pact troops invaded Czechoslovakia, hundreds of the prominent men and women purged from power following Alexander Dubcek's downfall are still eking out livings in menial jobs.

In the heady days of the liberal "Prague Spring" of 1968, they helped guide Czechoslovakia's destiny as high Communist officials, diplomats, civil servants, newspaper editors and broadcasters.

This was the period when Czechoslovakia under Mr. Dubcek, then Communist Party chief, were pressing forward with a policy of reforms they called "socialism with a human face" — the policy that resulted in the invasion on the night of August 20, 1968 by hundreds of thousands of Soviet-led troops.

Today these once-prominent people stake boilers, drive bulldozers, sell tobacco, clean windows, wash cars, dig Prague's new underground railway and work as cloakroom attendants.

Purged from their positions of influence and mostly refusing to recant their views, the fallen liberals of 1968 are reduced to earning their keep in jobs which are obscure, unsuitable, insecure and often ill-paid.

Unwilling to repeat Czechoslovakia's reign of terror of the 1950's, party leader Gustav Husak has allowed most of them to remain at liberty.

Yet the passage of time has done nothing to ease the severity of their disgrace, and they have not been permitted to return to the important posts for which they are qualified and experienced.

The Communist Party keeps a close eye on their present careers, and intervenes to prevent promotion and to keep salaries at a low level.

Fresh purges, which have slowed but never ceased, continue to add to their numbers. Some liberals face the threat of being purged a second or third time into even lower employment.

This was the fate of a former Czechoslovak diplomat posted in Moscow who took a job as a lift-boy in a Prague hotel after having to leave the Foreign Ministry. When a group of visiting Russian officials

recognized him and unknowingly greeted him with hugs, he was promptly banished to work in the cellars out of the public eye.

A former television announcer was relieved of his job as a petrol pump attendant because customers flocked to him in a demonstration of solidarity.

Window-cleaning apparently has none of these drawbacks and has attracted a good few recruits. A former newspaper editor who turned up for his first day's work found himself being trained for the job by a one-time Foreign Ministry official.

Another newspaper editor cleans cars, a former senior editor of the Czechoslovak news agency Ceteka drives lorries, and a scientist once employed at the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences now earns his living by stoking office boilers overnight.

**THE NON-PERSONS'** A former minister and ambassador sells building panels, and a former Foreign Ministry protocol chief has begun a new career as a cigarette-vendor.

Other more prominent personalities have been reduced to the status of non-persons. The last heard of Mr. Dubcek himself is that he is still chief of a department in the regional forestry administration in Bratislava.

His right-hand man, Josef Smrkovsky, former chairman of the National Assembly, lives in retirement in Prague or his country cottage. Mr. Dubcek's number two in the Communist Party, Zdenek Mlynar, has been allowed to pursue his hobby interest in butterflies in a job

at the National Museum, but informed sources say he is in danger of losing this post, too.

One former party secretary is helping to build the Prague underground railway, a second is a door-keeper at a factory and another of Mr. Dubcek's close lieutenants, Milan Sihan, is reported to be driving a bulldozer in southern Bohemia.

Nowadays the fallen liberals mostly keep well out of the public eye, for fear of being reproached with trying to rebuild their personal prestige.

About the only safe pretext for meeting is at a funeral. Hundreds of old familiar faces could be seen at the funeral of Mr. Dubcek's Interior Minister, Josef Pavel, last April, and again when disgraced national artist, Adolf Hoffmeister died last month.

They linger on long after the ceremony is over, avidly seizing the rare chance to bring themselves up to date on what their former comrades are doing.

Dr. Husak's attitude is that the liberals are merely having to bear the just consequences of their political defeat following the invasion. He points out that they can still earn a living and are being treated far better than the people purged in the 1950's.

The hesitant and ambiguous attitude of officialdom was apparent at the Hoffmeister funeral. Officials boycotted it and refused to give him a state ceremony with accolades and lying in state, as was his due as a national artist.

But the Culture Ministry sent an unofficial wreath and quietly paid the costs of the service.

## NASA sets November 9 for Skylab 3

HOUSTON (AP). — While the Skylab 2 astronauts manned the telescope console yesterday to start a day-long observation of the sun, the Space Agency announced a tentative launch date of November 9 for the third Skylab crew.

There had been some thought of launching Skylab 3 within a few days after the present mission ends on September 25, but Skylab Director William Schneider said yesterday the later date was selected so the astronauts can observe a comet named Kohoutek, which scientists have dubbed the "comet of the century."

By December, Kohoutek will be the brightest object in the pre-dawn sky as it slices near the sun with 50 times the brilliance of Halley's comet, which dazzled the world in 1910.

Hundreds of scientists around the world plan to observe the comet for several days in December and January. From above the earth's filtering atmosphere, Skylab's telescope should provide the best view.

Dr. Karl Henize, a scientist-astronaut, reported comets may consist of primordial material dating to the beginning of the solar system.

Flying the Skylab 3 mission will be astronauts Gerald Carr, William Fogue and Dr. Edward Gibson. They are to remain in orbit eight weeks.

Schneider said intense scientific interest in Kohoutek prompted the selection of the November 9 date. But he emphasized that if serious problems develop with Skylab 2's Apollo ferry ship, already crippled with two leaky engines, the Skylab 3 rocket would be launched on a rescue mission. That probably would delay the launch of the third crew.

## Hunt gets immunity

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt received immunity from prosecution on Tuesday, so he could present evidence before a grand jury called to investigate financing of the 1972 presidential campaign.

Judge John J. Sirica gave Hunt immunity in a U.S. District Court. The second Watergate Grand Jury, sworn in Monday, was called at the request of special prosecutor Archibald Cox to investigate possible illegal contributions — including a report that International Telephone and Telegraph Co. (ITT) was to make a \$400,000 contribution to the Republican Party in return for favourable settlement of an anti-trust case.

Testimony has been given before the Senate Watergate Committee that Hunt forged State Department cables for White House aide Charles W. Colson, which allegedly tied the late President John Kennedy to the killing of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem.

## U.S. girl dies of wounds from Athens attack

ATHENS (AP). — An American girl died yesterday from wounds received in the Arab terrorist attack at Athens Airport earlier this month, when three other persons were killed and 55 injured.

Laura Haase, 16, a shoemaker from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, died on Wednesday night of injuries she suffered when grenade fragments hit her in the stomach. Laura's doctors said that both her mother and father were present at the hospital when she succumbed.

Her death brings to four the number of dead following the Arab terrorist bomb and automatic weapons attack among Athens Airport transit passengers on August 5. Three were American and one an Austrian.

## Japan asks Libya to extradite hijackers

TOKYO (AP). — Japan has asked the Libyan Government to extradite four hijackers being detained by Libyan authorities for pirating and later blowing up a Japan Airlines jumbo jet at Benghazi Airport on July 24, a Government spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Gunki Yamashita, said the request was made to the Libyan Government on Tuesday through the Japanese chargé d'affaires in Libya. But, Yamashita said, no formal reply has been received.

The request asked that Japan be informed by Libya how the hijackers were being detained, the name of the organization they belonged to and the nature of the crimes they are being charged with. Yamashita said. Japan also asked whether the Libyan Government intends to exercise its judicial rights regarding the hijacking, Yamashita added.

The Japanese Government told Libya it was willing to supply all information available and considered necessary by the Libyan Government, the spokesman said.

Libya is not party to the so-called Tobo Agreement for the Prevention of Hijacking and therefore is not bound to extradite the hijackers to Japan.

## Joan Baez divorced

REDWOOD CITY, California (AP). — Folk singer Joan Baez and her husband David Harris have got a divorce after five years of marriage. They had been separated for some time.

Miss Baez, 32, and Harris, 28, were married shortly before he was sent to prison in 1968 for draft evasion. He spent 20 months in prison. Custody of their three-year-old son Gabriel was awarded to the couple jointly. No alimony or child support was involved.

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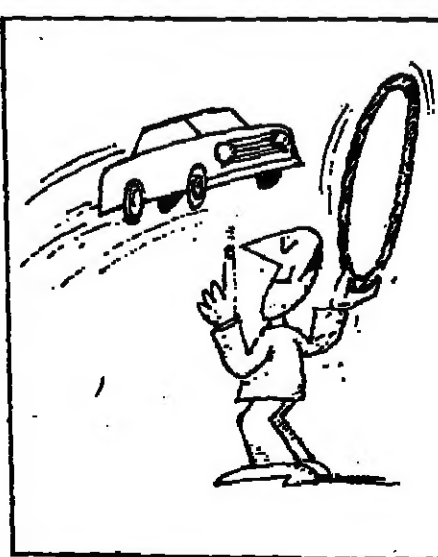
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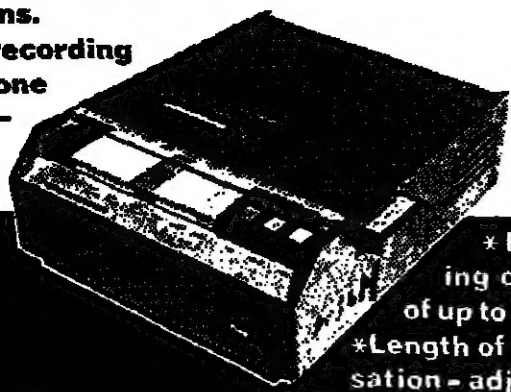
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# Nixon denies Watergate involvement; admits subordinates' role; says 'backward-looking obsession' is causing neglect of important matters; charges Senate hearings aim to implicate him; tells how he was misled; rejects demands for tape; admits Ellsberg affair was mistake

## 'Time to get on with urgent business'

By RALPH HARRIS

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Nixon on Wednesday night denied he was involved in any way in the Watergate scandal but acknowledged that some of his subordinates took part in attempts to cover it up, as well as other election-year abuses in 1972.

In his long-awaited defence against suggestions he was implicated in the bugging and break-in at Democratic Party headquarters, the President pledged he would improve the political atmosphere so that such abuses would never occur again.

The President, in a televised speech, did not name officials involved in the cover-up of the Watergate Affair and he did not give a point-by-point reply to the weeks of testimony taken by the Senate Water-

gate committee, which adjourned its hearings on August 7.

President Nixon said that in all the millions of words taken by the Senate committee "there is not the slightest suggestion that I had any knowledge of the planning for the Watergate break-in."

And referring to ousted White House Counsel John Dean, though not by name, he said: "As for the cover-up, my statement has been challenged by only one of the 35 witnesses who appeared — a witness who offered no evidence beyond his own impressions, and whose testimony has been contradicted by a witness in a position to know the facts."

Mr. Nixon appealed to Americans to put Watergate behind them and let him get on with the numerous and serious problems at home and abroad that demanded his attention.

"We have reached a point at which a continued backward-looking obsession with Watergate is causing this nation to neglect matters of far greater importance to all of the American people," he said.

The President, in a low-key speech which did not go into specifics, said he accepted full responsibility for the presidential election-year abuses committed by members of his administration and he regretted that such events took place.

"However, it is my constitutional responsibility to defend the integrity of this great office against false charges," he said.

He said he did not question the right of the Senate committee to investigate charges made against him to the extent that was relevant to its legislative duties.

But he claimed "it has become clear that both the hearings themselves and some of the commentaries on them have become increasingly absorbed in an effort to implicate the President personally in the illegal activities that took place."

Mr. Nixon said from the time of the Watergate break-in on June 17, 1972, he repeatedly pressed for the truth but was informed by Mr. Dean there was no evidence that any but the seven convicted Watergate defendants were involved in the affair.

Looking sombre, the President said Mr. Richard Kleindienst, the then attorney-general, told him last September 12 that the most extensive FBI investigation since the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963 showed that only those seven were involved.

He also discussed a meeting with Mr. Dean September 15 — a meeting which Mr. Dean has testified gave him the impression that the President was aware that attempts

### 'My effort has been to discover the facts'

"On May 22, I stated in very specific terms — and I state again to everyone of you listening tonight — I had no prior knowledge of the Watergate operation; I neither took part in nor knew about any of the subsequent cover-up activities; I neither authorized nor encouraged subordinates to engage in illegal or improper campaign tactics."

"That was and is the simple truth. From the time when the break-in occurred, I pressed repeatedly to know the facts, and particularly whether there was any involvement by anyone at the White House."

"Because I trusted the agencies conducting the investigations, and because I believed the reports I was getting, I did not believe the newspaper accounts that suggested a cover-up."

"I was convinced that there was no cover-up, because I was convinced that no one had anything to cover up."

"It was not until March 21 of this year that I received new information from the White House counsel that led me to conclude that the reports I had been getting for over nine months were not true."

"Far from trying to hide the facts, my effort throughout has been to discover the facts — and to lay those facts before the appropriate law enforcement authorities so that justice could be done and the guilty dealt with."

to cover up Watergate were being made.

Mr. Nixon said Mr. Dean gave him no reason to believe that any other persons were guilty and he personally assumed that the indictments by the grand jury of only the seven, confirmed reports he had been given to that effect throughout the summer.

As he went on the air to defend himself, the President issued a written statement that duplicated most of the material in his speech but amplified some of the points he made.

In both his speech and statement, he described how the new reports he received made it clear that the situation was far more serious than he imagined and how he turned away from Mr. Dean and towards Mr. Kleindienst and Mr. John Ehrlichman, his former adviser on domestic affairs.

The President again rejected demands by the Senate Watergate committee and Mr. Cox for the release of taped conversations he had with Mr. Dean and other officials implicated in the Watergate scandal.

The issue is now before the federal courts here and the President has pledged to obey a "definitive" ruling by the Supreme Court on the issue.

He said it was absolutely necessary to protect presidential papers — including the tapes — if he was to do his job and to be able to talk candidly with his advisers, foreign diplomats and others.

He said then that the law recognized there were kinds of conversations that were entitled to be kept confidential, even at the cost of doing without critical evidence, such as those between husband and wife, and lawyer and client.

Mr. Nixon rejected suggestions that at one point he was willing to grant executive clemency to Watergate defendants to buy their silence.

He said he was told funds had been raised for the defendants but only for attorneys' fees and family support — not to buy silence.

He was also told, he said, that a member of his staff had talked to one of the defendants about clemency, but not that offers of clemency had been made.

But he acknowledged that such allegations had become very troubling and persuaded him that "if anything illegal had happened, I wanted it to be dealt with appropriately according to the law."

"If anyone at the White House or high up in my (re-election) campaign had been involved in wrongdoing of any kind, I wanted the White House to take the lead in making that known."

At no time did he authorize any offer of clemency and he made it clear to Mr. Ehrlichman that under no circumstances could it be considered, he said.

Mr. Nixon referred to the case of the 1971 break-in, for which members of a White House investigating unit, known as the "plumbers," at the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, the psychiatrist who treated Daniel Ellsberg, acquitted of charges in connection with the leak of the Pentagon Papers in the Vietnam War.

He said that "instances have now come to light in which a zeal for security did go too far and did interfere impermissibly with individual liberty. It is essential that such mistakes not be repeated."

"But it is also essential that we do not over-react to particular mistakes by tying the President's hands in a way that would risk sacrificing our security, and with it all our liberties."

Mr. Nixon said that he did not authorize the use of illegal means by the White House special investigations unit in the Ellsberg affair and was not aware of the break-in at Dr. Fielding's office until March of this year.

He said that he actually learned about it on March 17, four days earlier.

In connection with other activities of the special investigations unit, Mr. Nixon said it was important that many of the matters it worked on be kept secret to protect national security, and that was why he had invoked executive privilege barring testimony on them by Mr. Ehrlichman and others.

The President said he recognized that his speech and written statement did not answer many of the questions raised during the Senate committee's hearings.

With the Senate hearing and grand jury investigation still proceeding, it would not be appropriate or possible to provide a comprehensive and detailed response. Neither did he believe he could enter on an end-

less course of explaining and rebutting charges over months and years and still be able to carry out his duties in the White House.

"The President said that 'Watergate' had come to mean not just a burglary and bugging at a political headquarters but a whole series of acts that represented, or appeared to represent, an abuse of trust."

"No political campaign justified obstructing justice, or harassing individuals, or compromising those agencies of government that should and must be above politics," he declared.

"To the extent that these things were done in the 1972 campaign, they were serious abuses. I deplore them. In future, my administration will be more vigilant in ensuring that such abuses do not take place, and that officials at every level understand they are not to take place."

**Fashionable abuses**  
He also said that political abuses did not become fashionable in 1972. It became fashionable in the 1960s — during the administration of President Lyndon Johnson — as individuals and groups protesting against the Vietnam War took the law into their own hands, or bombed buildings, and threw in the name of peace and justice, he said.

"The notion that the end justifies the means proves contagious," he added.

"Thus, it is not surprising, even though it is deplorable, that some persons in 1972 adopted the morality that they themselves had rightly condemned and committed acts that have placed in our political system."

"These acts cannot be condoned. Those who were guilty of abuses must be punished. But ultimately the answer lies in a commitment by all of us to show a renewed respect for the mutual restraints that are the mark of a free and civilized society."

Appealing to Americans to turn away from Watergate, the President said: "We must not stand so mired in Watergate that we fail to respond to the challenges of our passing importance to America and the world. We cannot let an obsession with the past destroy our hopes for the future."

The President said there were matters that would not wait because confidence at home and abroad in the economy, the U.S. dollar and foreign policy were being sapped.

Critical negotiations were taking place on nuclear arms limitation and European treaty levels that could affect the security of the U.S. and its allies long after Watergate was forgotten.

"These are matters that cannot wait," he said. "They cry out for action now... The time has come to turn Watergate over to the courts, where questions of guilt or innocence belong. The time has come for the rest of us to get on with the urgent business of our nation."



President Nixon sits in his White House office Wednesday night to pose for pictures after delivering a television address explaining his position on the Watergate scandal. No pictures were permitted during the speech. (AP radiophotos)

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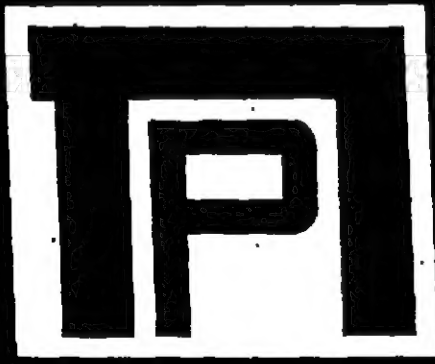
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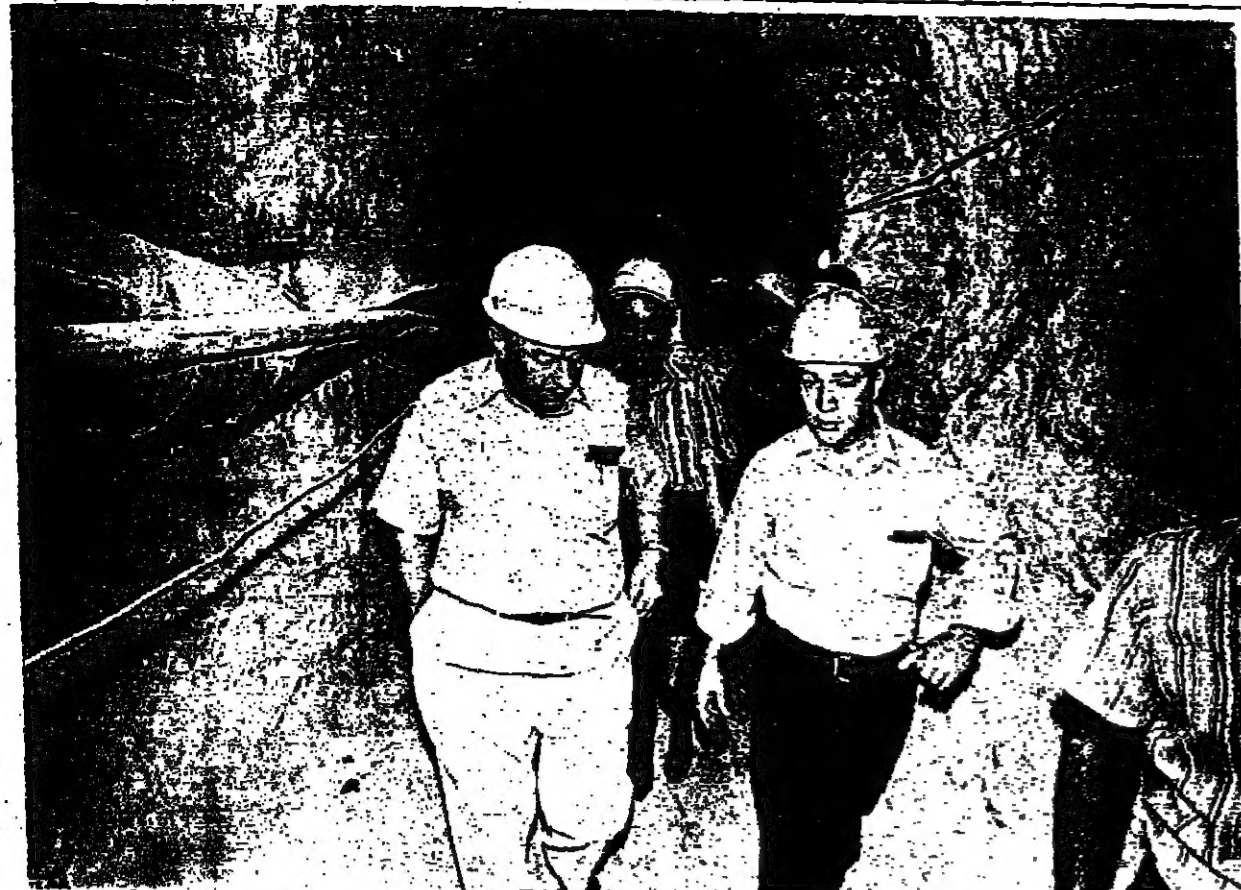
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## VISITORS' GALLERY

# FINANCIAL TIES WITH BONN SHOULD BE 'NORMAL'

By MOSHE ATZER  
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

AS Israel's economy progresses, and its ties with Germany grow closer, the time is also approaching for the development of normal financial relations between the two countries. Israel cannot rely forever on the flow of restitution money and special credits. Instead, the German capital market could become an important source of investment requirements, and the Hesseische Landesbank would be interested in financing the trail in this respect. Indeed, this is the main purpose of my visit here.

This statement was made to The Jerusalem Post by Professor Dr. Wilhelm Hankel, an expert on monetary problems, and a donor at the Frankfurt University. For five years Dr. Hankel headed the money and credit division of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Finance, after which he became president of the Hesseische Landesbank — one of the Big Five of German banking. While at the Ministry he was instrumental in making available for Israel a revolving guarantee fund of DM250m, which paved the way for several German loans and investments in Israel. Under his leadership the Hesseische Landesbank expanded its foreign operations, acquiring 80 per cent of the International Credit Bank at Geneva, of which he became Vice-Chairman.

"We felt," Dr. Hankel explained —

"that this was a cheaper and more efficient way of establishing contacts abroad than setting up branch offices of our own. Through this participation we are on the spot not only in Switzerland, but also in Mexico, in the Bahamas and in the Far East. And, of course, in Israel. The Credit International has no branch office here — as yet, anyhow — but Dr. Tibor Rosenbaum, President of its executive committee, also heads the I.C.B. Investment Co. in Tel Aviv, and the A.T.A. textile company, and is on the best terms with both government circles in Jerusalem and with the World Zionist Organization."

**Public and ordinary**

The bank headed by Dr. Hankel is of a kind not known here. It is jointly owned by the government of the Hesse Land State and the local saving banks, and thus a public institution. But apart from serving as the Land government's banker, and the saving banks' financial centre, it also functions as an ordinary bank, specializing in long term loans and in securities, and is well placed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

"Up to now Israel has been accustomed to raising capital almost exclusively in the United States," Dr. Hankel said, "but it should also try to tap the growing financial resources of Europe, in particular of Germany." This would require detailed study and certain preconditions, but initial moves in that direction are already being made, as the Israeli authorities realize the advantage of being able to place Israeli securities with a broad non-Jewish investor public. In order to get German investors accustomed to Israel a start should be made by floating government bonds, with private issues following at a later stage. And even State of Israel bonds would require the guarantee of the German government against the political risks involved, "and this backing would be obtainable."

The current monetary situation is highly volatile, Dr. Hankel continued, but if one follows the experts who maintain that the dollar is undervalued and bound to recover in due course, now would be the right time to borrow DM funds in order to repay dollar debts. He warned, however, that preparations for floating even a modest loan in Germany might take a year if not two, by which time the situation could have undergone a far-reaching change.

In any case, Dr. Hankel feels, it would not make sense to borrow in Germany while that country is in the throes of a severe credit shortage, with interest rates reaching over 10 per cent for German state loans and 12 per cent for shorter term loans. Debentures of a foreign state — like Israel — would of course have to offer a still higher interest rate, i.e. about double that of the bonds floated to date. Debentures quoted in Euro-DM are somewhat cheaper, but also expensive. However, interest rates should subside before very long.

"It all depends on the progress of inflation," Dr. Hankel opined. "We are trying to check ours, and you too will have to check yours, which is even bigger. Inflation may be unavoidable in a country still in a stage of rapid development and the creation of an economic infrastructure. But Israel is already approaching a stage when consolidation is required."

"If you want to go on borrowing abroad, you will have to keep a lid on spending, to assure would-be lenders that you are not going to devalue, and you should stick to certain productive projects, even though that may require a tough economic policy," the German banker concluded.

# I thought of my wife'

THERE were nearly 21,000 people in the Three Rivers stadium stands Wednesday night. There were two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning, and Cincinnati's Jack Billingham was facing one of baseball's most feared hitters — Pittsburgh's Willie Stargell.

There was no score, and a bad pitch to Stargell could have meant disaster.

What was Billingham thinking about on the mound? "I thought about my wife sitting home in Cincinnati," Billingham said. "She tells me any time I walk someone intentionally they usually score. She's got me psyched out."

But with the less-threatening Rich Zisk on deck, Reds manager Sparky Anderson found it more sensible to go against Mrs. Billingham's advice and walk Stargell intentionally.

The idea paid off for the Reds, as Zisk tapped harmlessly in front of the plate and was thrown out to end the inning. Then Cincinnati scored a run in the ninth to defeat the Pirates 1-0 for Billingham's seventh shutout of the season.

Very true, Jack. In fact, the number ties the club's season record for shutouts set in the early 1960s. D-Sport Field.

## TENNIS

TENNAGE sisters Chris and Jeanne Evert will lead the United States against Great Britain in the 50th Wightman Cup tennis matches August 24-26 at Longwood. Also chosen were Maria Redondo, 17, Linda Tuero, 22, and Patti Hogan, 23.

Chris Evert, 18, is the world's third ranked player with more than \$50,000 in prize money on the pro tour this year. Jeanne, 15, recently turned pro after winning a flock of amateur titles.

The Americans will be opposed by veteran pro Virginia Wade, 28, Captain of the British team, and Lindsey Beaven, 23, Glynn Cole, 19, Veronica Burton, 21, and Lesley Charles, 21.

Andres Gimeno, one of the players who made Spain one of the strongest tennis nations, has announced his retirement from top-flight competition. Gimeno, 38, said he may still enter an occasional tournament "for the fun of it, but basically this is the end."

Gimeno did not mention his recent suspension by the Spanish tennis federation for having joined the players' boycott of Wimbledon.

## SOCCER

AUSTRALIA'S World Cup soccer team to play Iran in Sydney tomorrow has a secret weapon — a dossier on all the Iranian players, the Sydney evening newspaper, "The Sun," reported. The paper said the walls of one room at the hotel where the Australian squad is staying, are covered with close-up pictures of all the Iranian players.

Under each picture is a 50 to 100 word description of the player's style, strengths and weaknesses all carefully penned in the hand of Australian coach Rene Rasic.

Rasic started the dossier in 1970 when Australia played in Teheran and has since added to it from personal spying trips to see the team in action.



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**MUSIC**

**Coordination needed**

The Israel Festival, Zvi Zeitlin, violin; Pinna Salzman, piano. (Tel Aviv, Museum, August 12). Program: Sonata in G Major Op. 78; Bach: Suite in A minor Op. 2 for unaccompanied Violin; Orgad: Rhapsody for unaccompanied Violin; Stravinsky: Divertimento for Violin and Piano.

It is a pity that there has been no coordinated planning of programmes given by various Israeli artists in this series of afternoon recitals at the Tel Aviv Museum. Thus, the Brahms G Major Sonata, played a few days ago by Yossi Zivoni, was now repeated by Zvi Zeitlin. This was the more regrettable as Zeitlin's version was monotonous and lacked spirit. He fared much better in the less emotional music of Bach, and the Allegro — and even more the Fugue, were quite impressive. Only in Orgad's Ballad and in the Stravinsky was Zeitlin able to present something more personal and interesting. The Ballad, an early piece by Orgad, was played with a firm tone and perfect melodic line. The Stravinsky too was impressive, although Zeitlin was not sufficiently relaxed to infuse this charming and amusing music with enough spirit.

Pinna Salzman participated in the Brahms and the Stravinsky. Whereas in the former piece, Zeitlin's indifference seemed to have led her hands completely, her contribution was far more alive in Stravinsky. **BENJAMIN BAR-AM**

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YESTERDAY'S hijacking of a Middle East Airlines jet to Lod Airport had no serious intent. By all accounts the hijacker was either crazy, drunk or both.

But, like all hijackings, it could have had serious consequences. That it did not was a direct result of the high state of preparedness that now exists at Lod Airport to meet emergencies of this kind.

That preparedness expressed itself throughout — from the moment the pilot made radio contact with the airport, to the rapid overpowering of the hijacker, and to the treatment of the passengers.

Unfortunately, our airport, airline and security forces are almost unique in the seriousness with which they approach the hijack menace. For elsewhere the profits of airlines are given higher priority than the need to provide stringent security measures.

The same, of course, is also true for the Arab terrorist menace in general. Here too Israel stands alone, waging its own battle of self-defence while other nations are concerned only with their economic and political relations with the Arab states.

These nations, especially in Western Europe, who permit the terrorists to roam freely in their lands, and even when they apprehend offenders, then let them go, are at the same time the first to join the Arabs in condemning Israel self-defence actions, like the interception of the Lebanese plane last Friday.

As Israel defines its future course in the war against terror, it must consider the political implications of an international system in which the approach to international terror is determined in terms of narrowly defined concepts of national advantage for which the Security Council becomes the brokerage house.

But the ultimate consideration for Israel must be to safeguard the lives of its citizens. This requires a high state of readiness, allocation of adequate means and manpower, and a willingness to use unconventional methods to fight an unconventional war.

It is precisely because Israel has adopted such a course against hijackers that it has been able to deal so efficiently with this threat. And, the self-serving interests of other states notwithstanding, it is the course that must continue to be pursued to crush the terrorist menace.

# CAMBODIA BOMBING ENDS, BUT THE WAR GOES ON

By FRED S. HOFFMAN

WASHINGTON (AP). — The United States raked Indochina with bombs for nearly nine years, but in the end all that air power failed to bring the kind of peace that America sought.

In Cambodia, where the final U.S. raids were flown, an armada of fighter bombers and B52 heavy bombers may have bolstered the government's army for the past six months. But the 170,000 tons of bombs on Cambodian insurgents during that time did not force a ceasefire, which was the stated American objective, and the future of the U.S.-backed Cambodian government looks grim.

The raids were halted at midnight Washington time on Tuesday under an agreement between President Nixon and Congress.

In Laos, where American planes dropped up to 63,000 tons of bombs after the Vietnam cease-fire, there is an uneasy truce. But the Communist Pathet Lao and their North Vietnamese allies dominate about 80 per cent of the country, as do the insurgents in Cambodia.

Meanwhile, the North Vietnamese are expanding the Ho Chi Minh trail in Southern Laos to carry in larger tonnages of supplies to their troops in South Vietnam, even though this is forbidden under the Vietnam cease-fire agreement.



Cambodian troops watch the smoke rising as American planes drop the last bombs on suspected enemy positions near Phnom Penh this week. (UPI)

home, costing him much of his remaining war support in Congress. In fact, Nixon suffered a defeat when he reluctantly accepted a bombing cutoff date.

In March, the White House had said the United States would continue raids in Cambodia until the Communist-led insurgents stopped their offensive and agreed to a ceasefire.

In May, Secretary of State William Rogers told Congress that "to stop these air strikes automatically at a fixed date would be as self-defeating as it would have been for the United States to withdraw its armed forces prematurely from South Vietnam while it was still trying to negotiate an agreement with North Vietnam."

But, by June, it was evident that Nixon's support in Congress had eroded so seriously that he had to back down. Later, he bitterly accused Congress of "abandonment of a friend."

With the future of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos very much in doubt, the United States appears to have achieved relatively little through a mighty air war effort that dumped a record 7.4 million tons of bombs on Indochina starting in 1965.

It cost the United States more than 2,100 pilots and air crewmen killed, while another 1,260 men still are missing, most of them in Laos. Some 2,700 airplanes were either shot down or crashed. The total dollar cost of the air war cannot be calculated accurately, but runs into many hundreds of millions of dollars.

### Boosters' claim

Boosters of U.S. air power claim that the North Vietnamese were forced back to the Paris Conference table by the heavy bombing of Hanoi last December. Even if this is true, and there are those who argue that it is not, the agreement finally completed by U.S. and North Vietnamese diplomats in January has not worked out as Dr. Henry Kissinger, the chief U.S. negotiator,

had hoped. Many of its key terms have never stopped pumping war material, supplies and men into South Vietnam in the face of a flat ban on such activity under the peace agreement.

In March, President Nixon announced that the United States had told North Vietnam "of our concern about this infiltration, and we believe it to be a violation of the cease-fire and the peace agreement."

The North Vietnamese "should not lightly disregard" this, Nixon said.

But the North Vietnamese have done just that, so it appears the massed U.S. air power, including more than 430 bombers and fighter bombers in Thailand and 150 B52s on Guam, held no further terrors for Hanoi.

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## Dry Bones



## Readers' letters

### Private eye tests for drivers

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I am referring to your announcement of July 6 about private eye tests for drivers by "approved" optometrists. I wish to point out that the Transport Ministry has given approval to optometrists who, on investigation, may prove to be inadequately qualified. The list of approximately 100 names does indeed include those who studied at an approved school of optometry for the three or four years required for the degree, but it also includes those who did not study at any approved school, have no suitable qualifications, nor the right to the title optometrist.

It would be interesting to know whether the Ministry of Transport examined the qualifications of the optometrists before issuing its approval. Officially, the agreement is not for eye tests but is an arrangement for vision screening only (as is done in the hearing of deaf) but obviously those whose vision is inadequate at the time of screening will expect the optometrist to carry the examination further and try to correct the visual defect by the provision of spectacles.

The Transport Ministry has thus given official government approval to self-styled optometrists apparently without investigation and, one suspects, without due consideration to public health in the very important field of road safety.

DAVID RAZ, P.M.C.

The Ministry of Transport replies: The new arrangement by which people applying for driver's licences may be checked by optometrists, was arrived at in order to facilitate this procedure and to shorten the waiting lines at the licensing bureau themselves, making this necessary check-up as quick and easy as possible. This is in accordance with the Ministry of Transport policy of dispersing as many of the jobs of the licensing bureau as possible among outside elements so as to lessen the bottlenecks at the bureau themselves.

As Mr. RAZ himself points out, this is merely a vision screening which can be and is done quite competently by an optometrist and does not necessarily change the official standing of the optometrists, as Mr. RAZ suggests. If, as Mr. RAZ writes, a person's vision is found inadequate at the time of the screening, it is his prerogative to turn to a doctor in order to correct the visual defect, if he does not wish to rely on an optometrist.

The Ministry of Transport did not check the credentials of each and every one of the optometrists, but accepted the list as approved by the Union of Optometrists. An optometrist who does not belong to the Union, but wishes to add his name to this list, may do so by submitting an endorsement signed by a doctor or one of the approved medical institutions such as Hadassah, Kupat Holim, etc.

I would like to remind Mr. RAZ that when the Ministry of Transport first decided that the yearly licensing tests of cars could be carried out by garages other than those of the licensing bureau themselves, public outcry was that this system would lower the standard of the cars passing the test. Experience has shown that this is not the case and that the new procedures have made it a little easier on car-owners.

BUNNY ALEXANDRONI, Assistant Spokesman, Jerusalem, August 9.

### Jewish deaf and the Orthodox

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Geoffrey Wigoder's article of August 8 refers to Rabbi Douglas Goldhamer as "an Orthodox rabbi who has taken up the cause of the Jewish deaf." Rabbi Goldhamer is not an Orthodox rabbi. He received Reform ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating in the same class as I did. Yet the mistake is more serious than it would seem at first glance.

As Mr. Wigoder rightly quotes, "They (Jewish deaf congregations) have had little or no support, financial or moral, from the hearing community." With respect to Rabbi Goldhamer's congregation, it has been least supportive of the Jewish deaf. Mr. Wigoder accurately writes that "Orthodox Jewry considers the deaf who cannot speak intelligibly as exempt from precepts such as conducting a seder or being eligible for bar-mitzvah and the result is frequent humiliation and degradation for the deaf." While Mr. Wigoder continues, "The situation is no better among the Reform," the fact of the matter is that the Reform community has supplied and continues to supply student-rabbis for Jewish deaf congregations. While at the Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Goldhamer taught a course on deaf Jews that included instruction in sign language.

Finally, at my ordination, Rabbi Goldhamer signed the entire service, an act that not only made the Jewish deaf feel a part of a hearing service, but also made hearing Jews aware of the problems of deaf Jewry. Indeed it will be Reform Rabbi Goldhamer who will hopefully lead the way so that one day deaf Jews will be considered a part of *Klal Yisrael*.

Rabbi David Forman, Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem, August 10.

Geoffrey Wigoder comments: Rabbi Goldhamer should certainly have been described as a Reform rabbi, but in his remarks, he was as critical of the Reform as of the Orthodox attitude to the deaf. He was reported as saying that Reform

### TV 'searchlight' arms concert

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Last night's Israel Philharmonic Concert, conducted by Leonard Bernstein, was grossly marred by the blinding television lights which were kept on at maximum intensity throughout the evening's performance. Some parts of the programme were perhaps less affected than others. Where I sat, well back on the right hand side of the hall, a veritable searchlight was directed at us all evening for no obvious reason, since the television cameras on stage could have had no interest whatever in the remotest regions of the auditorium. I, together with

many others around me, tried to mitigate the problem by using a programme or the palm of the hand as an eyeshade. But this was tiring and only partially effective. As to observing the conductor or enjoying the spectacle of the admirable symmetry of the string instruments, in the end I just gave up.

May I suggest that, in future, if it is desired to televise a concert, this be done in rehearsal or at a special performance for that purpose.

ARTHUR LOURIE, Jerusalem, August 2.

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